15th October 2007 on 24x7 basis. Early Warning Centre receives real time Seismic. Bottom Pressure Recorder (BPR), Tide Gauge data from national as well as other International networks. The progression of the tsunami wave is monitored through the BPRs placed at sea bottom in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea which have real time connectivity with the warning system. Seismic, sea-level and BPR data are continuously monitored in the Early Warning Centre using custom built software application that generates alarms/alerts in the warning centre whenever a pre-set threshold is crossed.

ACPP recommendation to curb overcrowding in jails

975. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hong Kong based Asian Center for the Progress of Peoples (ACPP) has urged the Indian Government to curb overcrowding in jails and juvenile homes and to promote dignity of the prisoners/inmates;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to improve the condition of various jails in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard alongwith financial assistance likely to be provided to each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) "Prisons" is a State subject under List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Prison Administration is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, in order to improve the condition of prisons and prisoners, the Central Government started a non-plan scheme in 2002-03 for construction of additional prisons/barracks to reduce overcrowding, repair and renovation of existing prisons, improvement in sanitation and water supply and living conditions of prisoners. The scheme is being implemented over a period of five years with a total outlay of Rs. 1800 crore on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 75:25 between the Central and State Governments respectively. The scheme has since been extended upto 31.3.2009. A statement showing funds released to various States is enclosed (*See* below).

Considering the demands of various States for granting further financial assistance for construction of new jails/additional barracks so as to address the problem of over crowding, the Ministry of Home Affairs has initiated the process of formulating second phase of the scheme of modernization of prisons. Necessary steps are being taken in this regard in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Statement

Details of Utilisation of central share by the State Government under the Scheme of Modernisation of Prisons

(Rs. Crore)

S.No.	Name of State	Central share entitlement	Central share released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	79.725	79.7250
2.	Assam	29.3775	28.6637
3.	Bihar	134.5725	134.5722
4.	Chhattisgarh	28.0275	21.7977
5.	Goa	10.215	10.1925
6.	Gujarat	49.41	49.4100
7.	Haryana	77.07	77.0775
8.	Himachal Pradesh	15.1575	15.1425
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	23.175	21.6553
10.	Jharkhand	31.68	31.6800
11.	Karnataka	40.425	40.3508
12.	Kerala	24.57	24.5550
13.	Madhya Pradesh	116.355	106.8175
14.	Maharashtra	96.87	96.8625
15.	Manipur	11.775	11.6103
16.	Meghalaya	12.2775	12.2700
17.	Mizoram	13.3275	13.3125
18.	Nagaland	11.8875	11.8500
19.	Orissa	80.55	80.5500
20.	Punjab	55.845	44.6700
21.	Rajasthan	48.8625	48.8400
22.	Sikkim	13.635	13.6350
23.	Tamil Nadu	71.505	69.2918
24.	Tripura	20.985	20.9850
25.	Uttar Pradesh	173.4375	173.4375
26.	Uttaranchal	22.74	22.7250
27.	West Bengal	53.925	51.2275
	TOTAL	1347.3825	1312.9068